

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

**The Weather.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:  
Virginia—Increasing cloudiness and not so cold Thursday; rain or snow or sleet; Friday, rain, warmer in extreme southeast portion; night to north-east winds, with increasing clouds.  
North Carolina—Rain, warmer Thursday; Friday rain in east, fair in west portion; fresh brisk south to southeast winds.  
The weather here moderated somewhat last night, but the day was very cold. The early morning was perhaps the coldest of the winter, with a warm and weather are predicted for today.

**STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.**

6 A. M.	21
12 M.	17
3 P. M.	23
6 P. M.	23
12 M.	23
Average	21.0

Highest temperature yesterday, 20.  
Lowest temperature yesterday, 19.  
Mean temperature yesterday, 19.  
Normal temperature for February, 57.  
Departure from normal temperature, -17.  
Precipitation during past 24 hours, .00.

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**  
February 18, 1904.  
Sun rises, 6:57.  
Sun sets, 5:51.  
Moon sets, 5:59.  
HIGH TIDE, 1:00.  
Morning, 8:00.  
Evening, 6:55.

**Richmond.**  
Dwyer defeats Pardo in an exciting wrestling match, winning two out of three. The philosophy that the feet are tired of children's feet, and that a crowd of children in the East End—Attorney-General asked to decide whether a female society, who had made a public acknowledgment—Mrs. M. J. Jameson, who had been arrested yesterday, was charged with getting \$50 from the American National Bank, of this city, under false pretenses.

**Virginia.**  
Walter W. Council, "Yarvis's renowned champion," leaves the University in an unenviable way. Chief Justice, after a long and arduous day, gave a heavy bond—Automobile meet to take place at Virginia Beach May 1st. A. J. Tamm, who had been arrested yesterday, was charged with getting \$50 from the American National Bank, of this city, under false pretenses.

**North Carolina.**  
Wilmington's water front fire swept, and a large quantity of lumber and turpentine were destroyed. The fire was caused by a gas stove in a warehouse, and the fire spread to the lumber and turpentine.

**General.**  
Stock market weak on selling of oil and volume of business down. The oil market is weak, and the volume of business is down. The stock market is weak, and the volume of business is down.

**Four Perish With The Bessie Jones.**  
Captain Ezekiah Jones, His Son and Two Dredgers Lose Their Lives.

**Fishing Settlement Destroyed By Fire.**  
Seabright, N. J., Feb. 17.—A large part of Seaside, a fishing settlement near this place, was burned to-night. About fifty frame buildings were destroyed. The fire started in a boarding house occupied by men employed in the fish ponds and swept along the coast. Among the buildings wiped out were many fishermen's huts. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

**Indiana Wants A Virginia Tree.**  
Legislative Action Required, However, In Order To Make The Gift.

**Men Arrested For Working Sunday.**  
Claim That It Is Necessary for the Completion of the Power Plant.

**Used State Money To Speculate In Cotton.**  
Macon, Ga., Feb. 17.—H. Troutman, owner of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Milledgeville, who shot himself twice last night, is still living, but in a sinking condition. In a letter to President J. T. Allen, of the bank, he said he had touched none of the bank's funds, but had used \$25,000 of the State's money. This money was in his own possession as treasurer of the State Sanatorium. He had engaged in cotton speculation, and while he had gained a large amount, he lost it and more in the speculation. The bank has been closed temporarily.

## CLEVELAND PROPHECIES A VICTORY

Believes There Is Opportunity for Democracy.

GIVES REASONS FOR HIS FAITH

Former President Says It Is Built on Unshaken Trust in Patriotism of His Countrymen.

URGES TARIFF REFORM AND PUBLIC ECONOMY

Message of Democracy to American People Should Be Expressed in Language Untouched by the Taint of Jugglery—Scores the Administration.

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 17.—In an article written for this week's Saturday Evening Post, former President Cleveland urges his "rank and file associates" of the Democratic party to unite and take advantage of the opportunities of next November.

"I am one of those," he writes, "who believe that there is an opportunity for Democratic success in the coming presidential election."

"Though attachment to the party in which I am enlisted and an intense desire for its ascendancy make such belief exceedingly welcome, they certainly don't create it. It is built upon an unshaken and abiding trust in the patriotism and intelligence of my fellow-countrymen."

Mr. Cleveland's paper opens with a reiteration of the declaration that he made three years ago:

"Our fighting forces will respond to the call of duty, and I am confident that a third defeat in a strange cause; but if they hear the rallying call of true Democracy, they will gather for battle with old-time Democratic enthusiasm and courage."

Referring to his faith in his Democratic associates, he continues:

"This trust will not permit me to overlook the meaning of the daily increasing unrest among our people, growing out of the startling and flippant abandonment by the party in power of our national traditions and maxims. I dis regard our national moral restraints, its inconsiderate tendency to set aside national good faith, its willingness to break away from safe and accustomed moorings, and its contemptuous neglect of our national mission. Surely these conditions together with the broken pledges and forgotten promises of reform that vex the sight on every side, not only abundantly explain the popular distrust and fear prevailing everywhere in the land, but suggest that in such stress of political weather or those of our fellow citizens who thoughtfully and constantly love our free institutions will not be unmindful of their safety and quiet as may be offered them by a patriotic and conservative democracy."

Mr. Cleveland thinks these conditions justify the assertion of Democracy's opportunity. He says:

"It should be remembered, however, that opportunity may be only distantly related to actual accomplishment. And that it does not of itself, unaided and alone, warrant the expectation of reaching successful results."

## HANDSOME WIDOW IS ARRESTED

Serious Charge Against Mrs. M. J. Jameson

PUTS BOGUS DRAFT IN AMERICAN BANK

Deserted by Friends, Is Locked Up at Station-House, Where She's Taken Ill.

MARRIED A VIRGINIAN OF HIGH CONNECTIONS

Her Father-in-Law Was Morton C. Jameson, for Many Years Comptroller of Norfolk and Western—Native of Philadelphia, But Outcast by Kindred.

Mrs. M. Jeanette Jameson, a handsome woman and handsomely dressed, was arrested yesterday about noon, charged with getting \$50 from the American National Bank, of this city, under false pretenses.

No more interesting case in all of its many features has come to the attention of the Richmond police in years. The woman is young, well connected and still wearing the veil of mourning for her husband, who was a man of prominence and highly connected in Virginia. She apparently did not try to deceive and by her very ingenuousness won the confidence of the president of the bank. And yet so grave was her crime considered by the captain of the police, that she was placed in a cell and the door securely bolted.

Mrs. Jameson went to the American National Bank on Monday and saw President Sands. She established her identity beyond all question and convinced the bank official of her "absurd" connection. She said she had \$5,000 in the First National Bank of Roanoke, but was out of cash. Would Mr. Sands allow her to deposit there a draft for \$5,000 and cash a check for \$50?

Mr. Sands says he felt sorry for the woman, who appeared to be in real trouble, and decided to take the risk. She was given the money.

Upon communicating with the Roanoke bank, it was ascertained that Mrs. Jameson had no money on deposit there. If the bank notified the police then, it is not known. But yesterday shortly after 11 o'clock, a phone message came from a Broad-Street store, asking if a check for \$50, drawn by Mrs. Jameson on that bank, would be honored? The answer was that such a check would be worthless and the request made that Mrs. Jameson be detained until a policeman could get there in the front of the bank and Mr. Sands asked him to go up on Broad-Street and place Mrs. Jameson under arrest, serving the warrant which Mr. Sands at once swore out before C. W. Tyler, justice of the peace. The warrant reads that "M. Jeanette Jameson did unlawfully and feloniously, under false pretenses, obtain from the American National Bank, fifty dollars with intent to defraud the said American National Bank."

Begged for Quiet.  
Officer Bailey communicated with Sergeant Werner, in charge of the First Station, to know if he might leave his beat and upon being told that he could, went to the store and took Mrs. Jameson to the First Police Station.

At the station house Mrs. Jameson begged to know if he might leave his beat and upon being told that he could, went to the store and took Mrs. Jameson to the First Police Station.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—As a result of the investigation of alleged wholesale public land frauds in many Western States, the grand jury of the District of Columbia to-day reported a joint indictment for conspiracy against John A. Benson, a wealthy real estate operator of San Francisco; Frederick A. Hyde, of San Francisco, closely identified with Benson in land affairs; Henry C. Dimond, of California, an attorney representing Benson and Hyde; and Joost H. Schneider, of Tucson, Ariz., an agent of Benson and Hyde.

Bench warrants immediately were issued, and Schneider was arrested in this city late this afternoon by Secret Service Agent William J. Burns, who has been quietly investigating alleged public land frauds in a number of Western States. Schneider was taken before Justice Benson late this afternoon and the latter fixed his bail at \$30,000.

## JAPAN IS KEEPING HER PLANS SECRET

Not Single Item of News Allowed to Leak Out.

STILL LANDING TROOPS IN KOREA

Her Main Objective Point is Thought to be the Liao-Tung Peninsula.

MUST FIRST DESTROY THE RUSSIAN FLEET

Another Attack Made on Squadron in Harbor of Port Arthur But Storm Prevented Its Success—One Vessel Is Thought to Have Been Torpedoed.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—Japan is most successfully keeping her plans secret. Not a single item of news which could be of possible service to the enemy has been permitted to leak out. The belief is prevalent in London, based on hints in dispatches from correspondents, is that her main objective will be found to be the Liao Tung peninsula, but that nothing of a military nature will be attempted until Russia's naval squadrons are effectually disposed of.

**CHE FOO, Feb. 18.—The Port Arthur-Che Foo cable was cut yesterday.**

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—A heavy storm spared the Russians from a desperate torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the morning of Sunday, the 14th inst.

During the preceding night the vessels of the Japanese fleet of torpedo craft were parted by the force of the wind and waves, in a blinding snow storm, so that only two of the largest destroyers succeeded in forcing their way through the fierce gale to Port Arthur. When they arrived there they attacked separately and the officers of one of them are confident that they succeeded in torpedoing a Russian warship.

The destroyer Asagiri, in charge of Lieutenant-Commander Ishikawa, arrived off Port Arthur about 3 o'clock in the morning, and was met by a sharp fire from the fortress and Russian ships acting as scouts. The Asagiri discharged several torpedoes at a big warship, but the result is unknown. A cannonade was opened upon the scouting vessels and maintained until they withdrew. The destroyer Hayatoro, Lieutenant-Commander Takenouchi, arrived two hours after the Asagiri and ran up close to the mouth of the harbor, where she found two warships, names unknown. She fired a torpedo at one and the torpedo exploded.

Admiral Togo, in reporting the attack, says although the results are unknown, he feels sure the moral effect upon the enemy will be excellent. Commander Nagami commanded the entire torpedo flotilla. The number of the craft in the flotilla and the point of their departure is concealed.

**Bearing Japanese Wounded.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Paris correspondent at the Port of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, in a dispatch in which he reports the arrival of junka bearing Japanese wounded from the Port Arthur engagement of February 14th, considers this to show that something more than a torpedo attack took place there.

The correspondent at Tokio, of the Standard, reports that two battleships were destroyed in this attack, while the correspondent at Tien Tsin of the Standard says, under date of February 17th, that a torpedo attack took place there.

private dispatch from Port Arthur brings

## TO INCREASE SALARIES

House Finance Committee Completes Annual Appropriation Bill for Year.

HOSPITALS WILL GET MORE

Small Increase for State Educational Institutions—The Figures Given.

The House Finance Committee yesterday completed its consideration of the appropriation bill for the two ensuing fiscal years. While the exact terms of the measure are not given out it is reliably stated that it will propose increases in almost all the salaries of minor officials and in some of the State officers. Besides this the annuities to the hospitals and some of the schools are increased and additional special appropriations are recommended to several hospitals and schools.

The report will, it is said, recommend an increase of \$1,000 per annum in salary of the Attorney-General, making it \$3,000; increases the salary of the Attorney-General's clerk \$100 per year to \$1,000.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth will be given one additional clerk at a salary of \$500 per year, \$100 for new title cases and \$100 for 500 copies of the Constitution.

In the Auditor's office each of the ten clerks is increased \$100 per year, a total increase of \$1,000 per year. The Auditor's clerk and messenger, an increase of \$50 per year.

Second Auditor's salary increased from \$1,700 to \$2,000 and fees \$750.

Treasurer's salary increased from \$1,250 and an increase of \$1,185, divided among the employees in the treasurer's office, also \$2,000 for steel file cases. Clerk to public printer salary increased \$51 per annum.

Register of Land Office increased \$200

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## WOMAN SHOTS AN INTRUDER

Farmer Killed Who Tried to Force His Way Into Miss McDay's Home.

Large Quantities of Tar and Turpentine Were Destroyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 17.—Fire on the water front to-night destroyed a large warehouse belonging to Hall and Pearson, wholesale grocers, and occupied by them and the George L. Morton Company, naval store dealers.

The flames originated from the careless use of fire by rivermen on the wharf, and the losses will aggregate about \$5,000, which is covered by insurance. An engine was caught between the fire and the river, but it was saved with difficulty.

Adjoining warehouses, also owned by Hall and Pearson and the Seaboard Air Line, were threatened, and a northeast wind swept the flames toward the river. The burned material consisted of 500 casks of spirits of turpentine, 500 barrels of tar and crude, 50 tons of fertilizers, about ten boxes of cotton and \$5,000 worth of heavy groceries.

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Schneider has been a witness of the grand jury in the cases against the other defendants. Benson already has been indicted here on a charge of bribery, and

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